

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

6:00 PM

City Hall

Planning Commission Workshop

David K. Andrews

Anthony Penn

Jennifer Price

Kristin Rosan

Donald R. Shepherd

David B. Thom

Robert Westwood

Stacey L. Bashore, Deputy Clerk of Council

ALL TIMES APPROXIMATE**6:00****Chair****Applications****6:15****FDP-0002-2010**

To consider a Final Development Plan for a storage building at Academy Park; for property located at 1201 Cherry Bottom Rd.; by City of Gahanna, applicant.
(Advertised in RFE 4/22/10)

Carl Norris stated there are some questions about landscaping; wanting to put in some trees for screening; trying to be a good neighbor; worked with City's arborist; we have white river birch; they are right here to the north because it is so wet in that area. Price asked about the pines and whether they were really necessary for screening; how large will they get and could they be a hindrance to the ball field. Norris stated there is a good distance between them; worked with city arborist and that is what was recommended. Price asked do you think we have actually put in too much landscape screening? Norris stated we are trying to be good neighbors; showed a picture of the area from late March. Thom asked how many feet from the building to the north lot line. Norris stated he didn't know the exact number but it is quite a distance. Huffman clarified that the landscaping plan was not exactly done to scale. Thom stated in the summertime when trees are in full bloom you can barely see the houses. Price stated usually too much landscaping is never my concern but it could be too much; some people may find it beneficial to see the ball fields from the parking lot; want to make sure we have appropriate screening while being sensitive to the concerns of the neighbors; not sure if this building is such that it needs to be concealed; making sure that we are responsive; want to make sure we don't go too far the other way; not hindering its use as a park. Norris stated it will be a beautiful building; nothing bad or ugly about it. Price stated she was concerned about the danger the trees may become around restrooms; there is a distance from where people are watching and restrooms; feel there is a benefit to being able to see some of it. Thom suggested cutting the amount of trees in half. Norris stated there would still be plenty of screening for the neighborhood. Price stated she wasn't sure if Police Department has made any comments; don't know whether they like to pull into the parking lot and be able to see what is going on in the park; could be a safety issue. Thom suggested starting out with a few trees and see how it goes. Westwood stated he thought it would be better to be able to see the building from the parking lot. Thom asked that Norris talk to the City arborist and come up with a combination of river birch and pine trees. Andrews stated he did go and look at the storage space in the service garage and the Jr. League items are taking up over a 1/3 of the garage; they really need their space back.

DR-0005-2010

To consider a Certificate of Appropriateness for Site Plan, Landscaping and Building Design for property located at 1201 Cherrybottom Rd., (Academy Park); City of Gahanna, applicant.

See above discussion.

6:30**V-0004-2010**

To consider a variance application to vary Section 1155.07(c) of the codified ordinances of the City of Gahanna; to vary screening requirements to allow a non opaque fence;

current zoning O.C.T.-Office Commerce Technology; for property located at 1525 Blatt Road; Dennis Day, applicant. (Advertised in the RFE on 4/8/2010 and re-advertised in the Columbus Dispatch on 4/24/10.)

Applicant did not attend.

Issues